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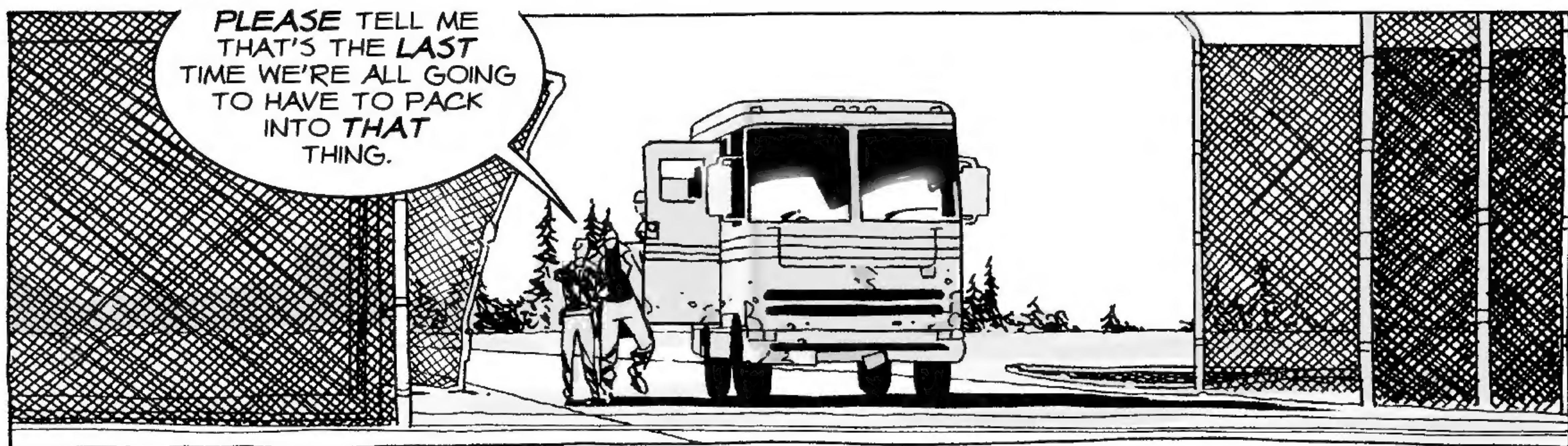
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OKAY. WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOCK IT--UFF--BUT I DOUBT ANY OF THESE THINGS WILL THINK TO SLIDE IT--OPEN--OR HAVE THE STRENGTH TO, REALLY.

I FEEL--
UMPH--
SAFER
ALREADY.



OKAY. DALE, YOU TAKE THE GIRLS AND WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THIS PLACE. MAKE SURE THE AREA IN-BETWEEN THESE FENCES IS CLEAR. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING SNEAKING UP ON YOU GUYS.

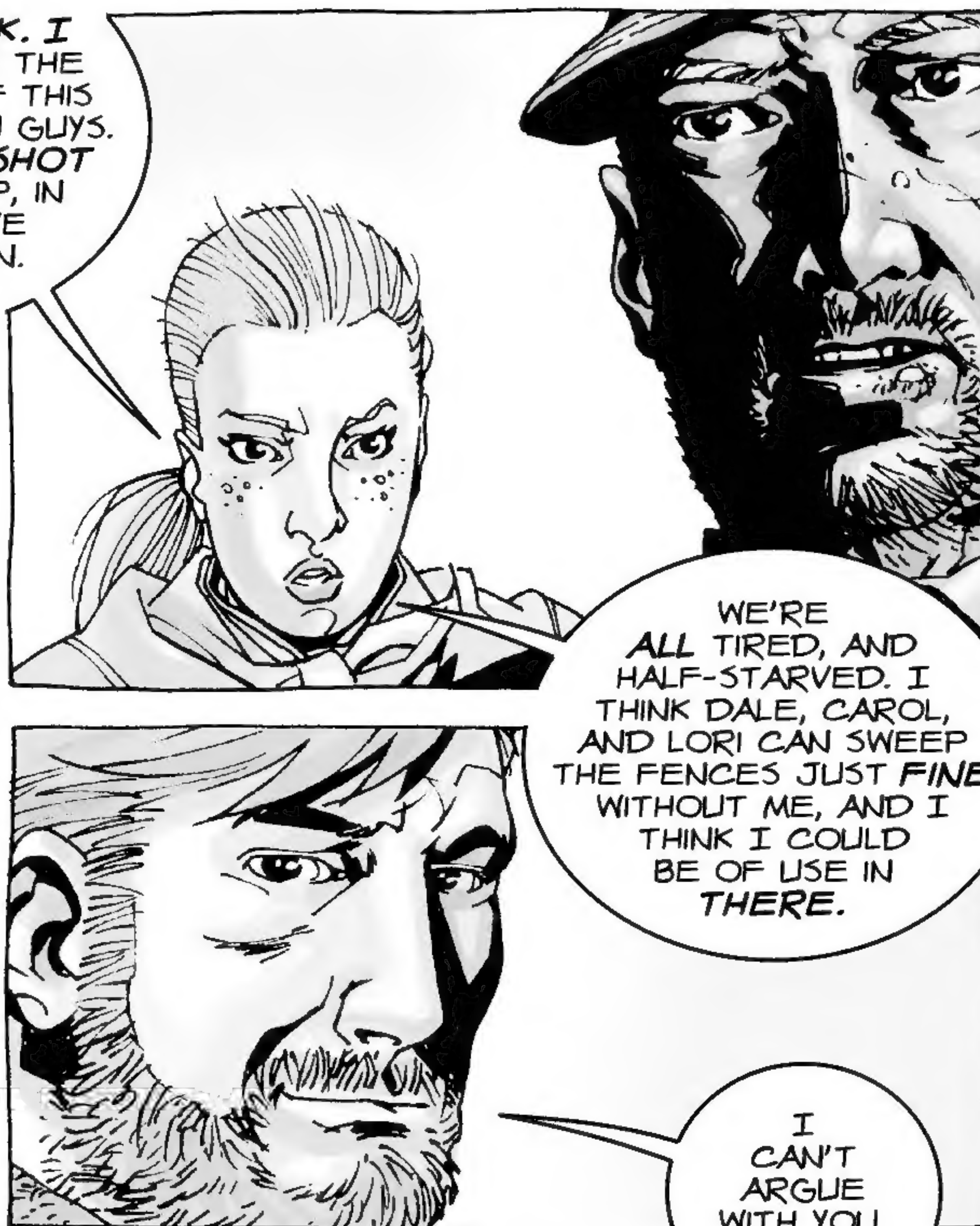
CHRIS AND JULIE--YOU TWO ARE OUR BABYSITTERS. TAKE CARL, SOPHIA, AND THE TWINS INTO THE RV AND MAKE SURE THEY DON'T SET THE THING ON FIRE. ALLEN WILL BE UP TOP IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

ALLEN--
YOU GET UP ON THE RV WITH THE RIFLE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE. WE DON'T WANT ANY OF THESE THINGS CREEPING UP FROM OUTSIDE.



THESE THINGS ARE SPREAD OUT ENOUGH THAT I THINK TYREESE AND I CAN HANDLE THEM ON OUR OWN.

HOLD ON, RICK. I SHOULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FENCE WITH YOU GUYS. I'M THE BEST SHOT IN THE GROUP, IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.



WE'RE ALL TIRED, AND HALF-STARVED. I THINK DALE, CAROL, AND LORI CAN SWEEP THE FENCES JUST FINE WITHOUT ME, AND I THINK I COULD BE OF USE IN THERE.

I CAN'T ARGUE WITH YOU.









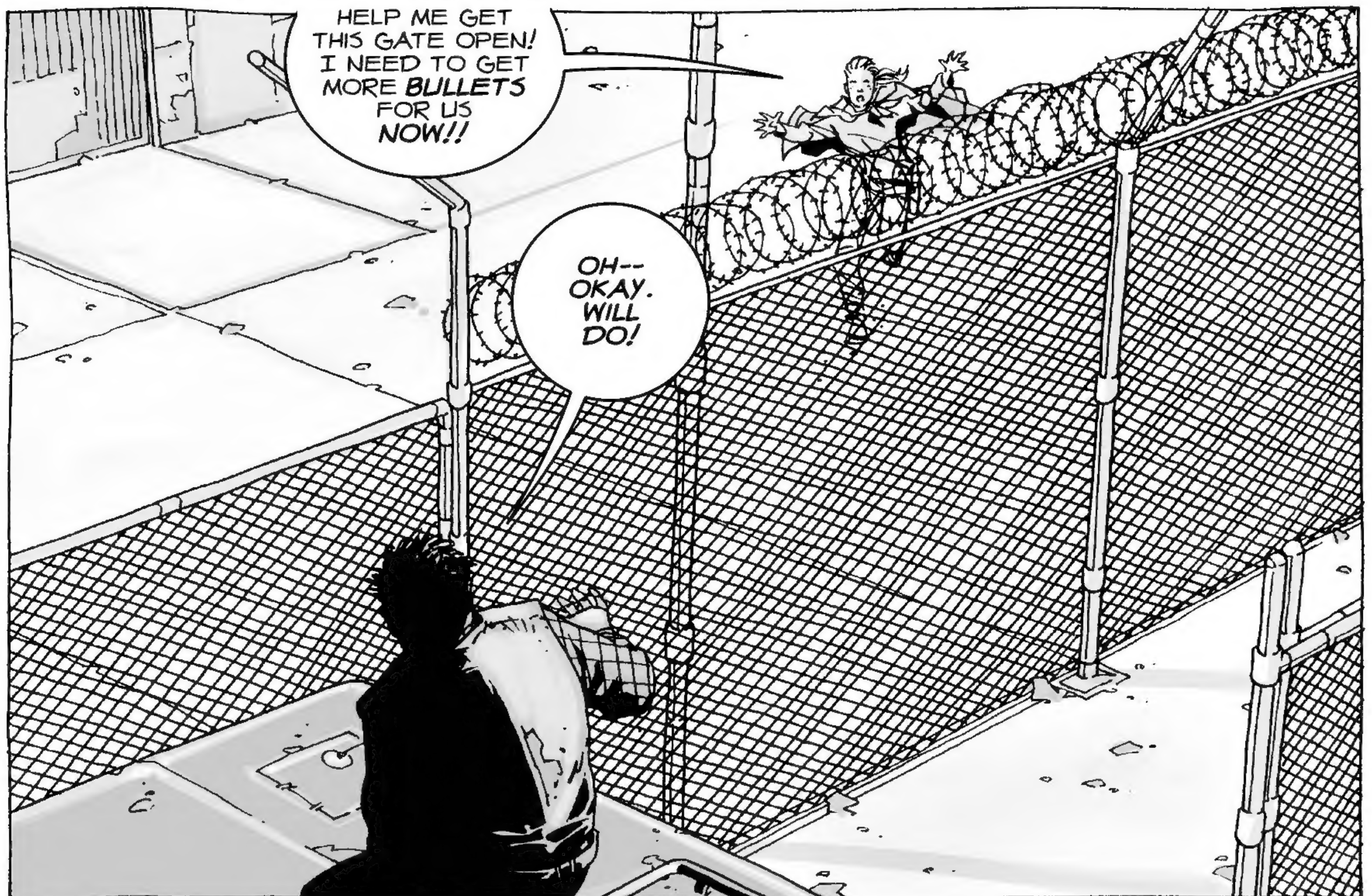
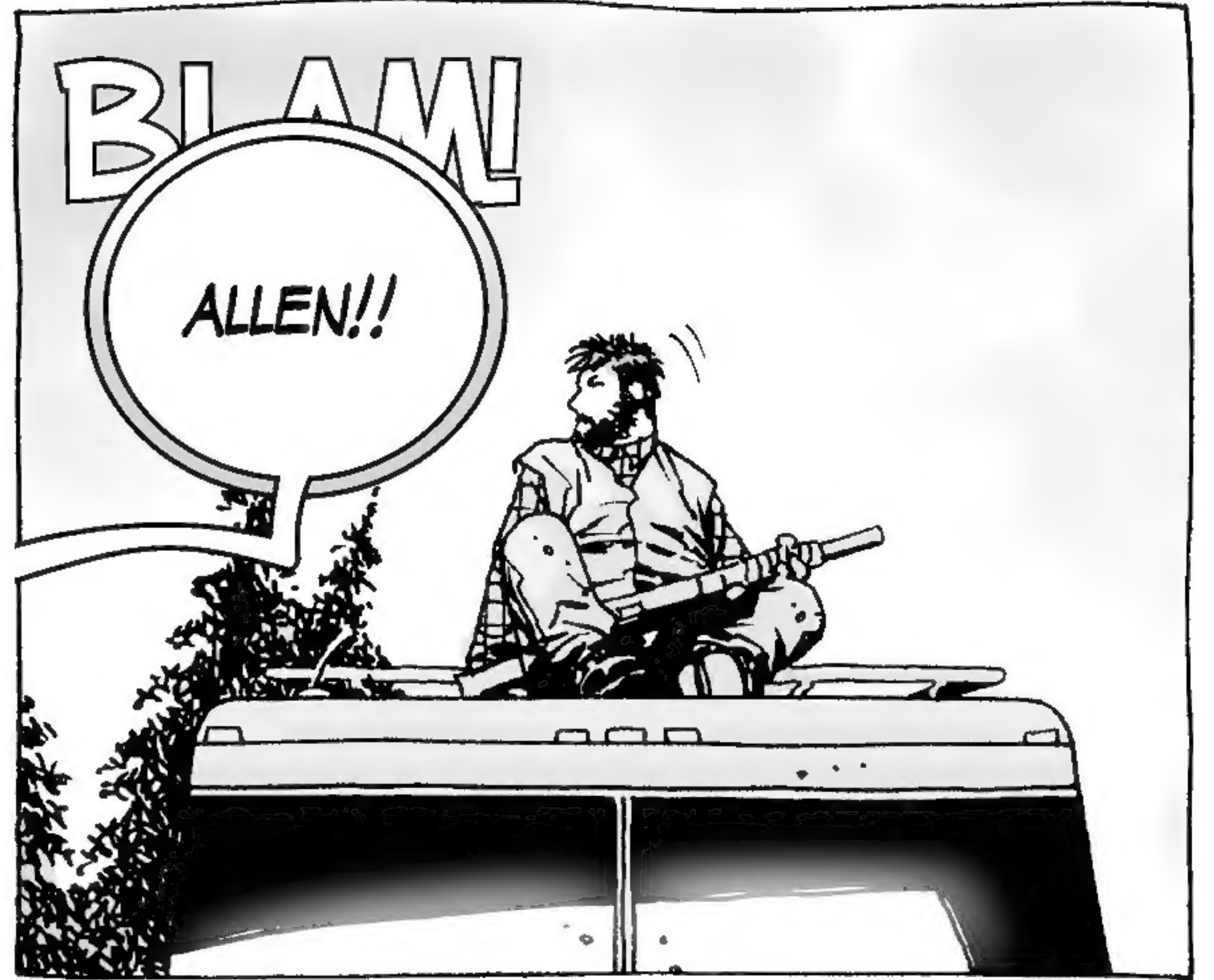
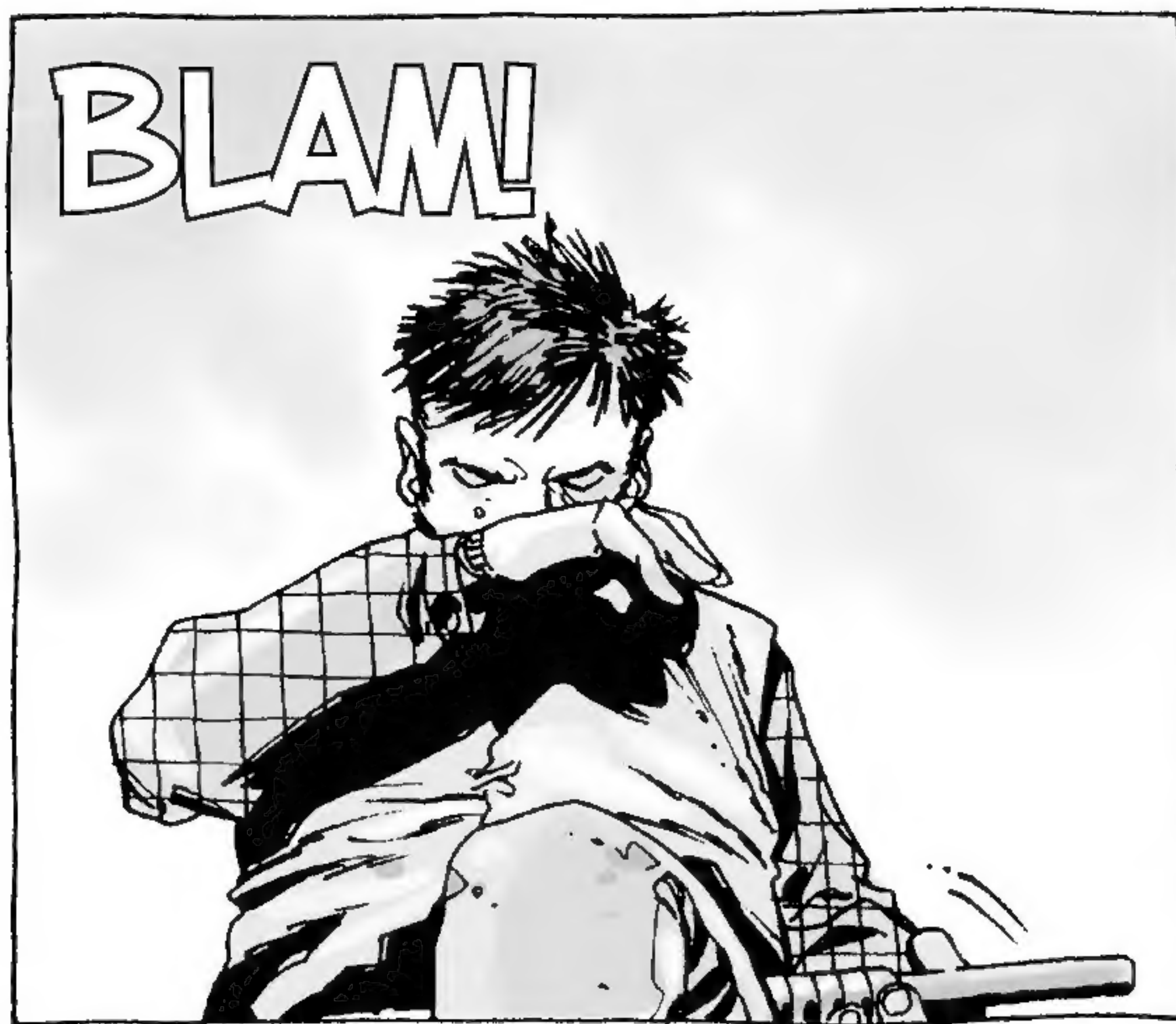
I DON'T LIKE THIS, MAN. THERE'S WAY TOO MANY OF THEM.

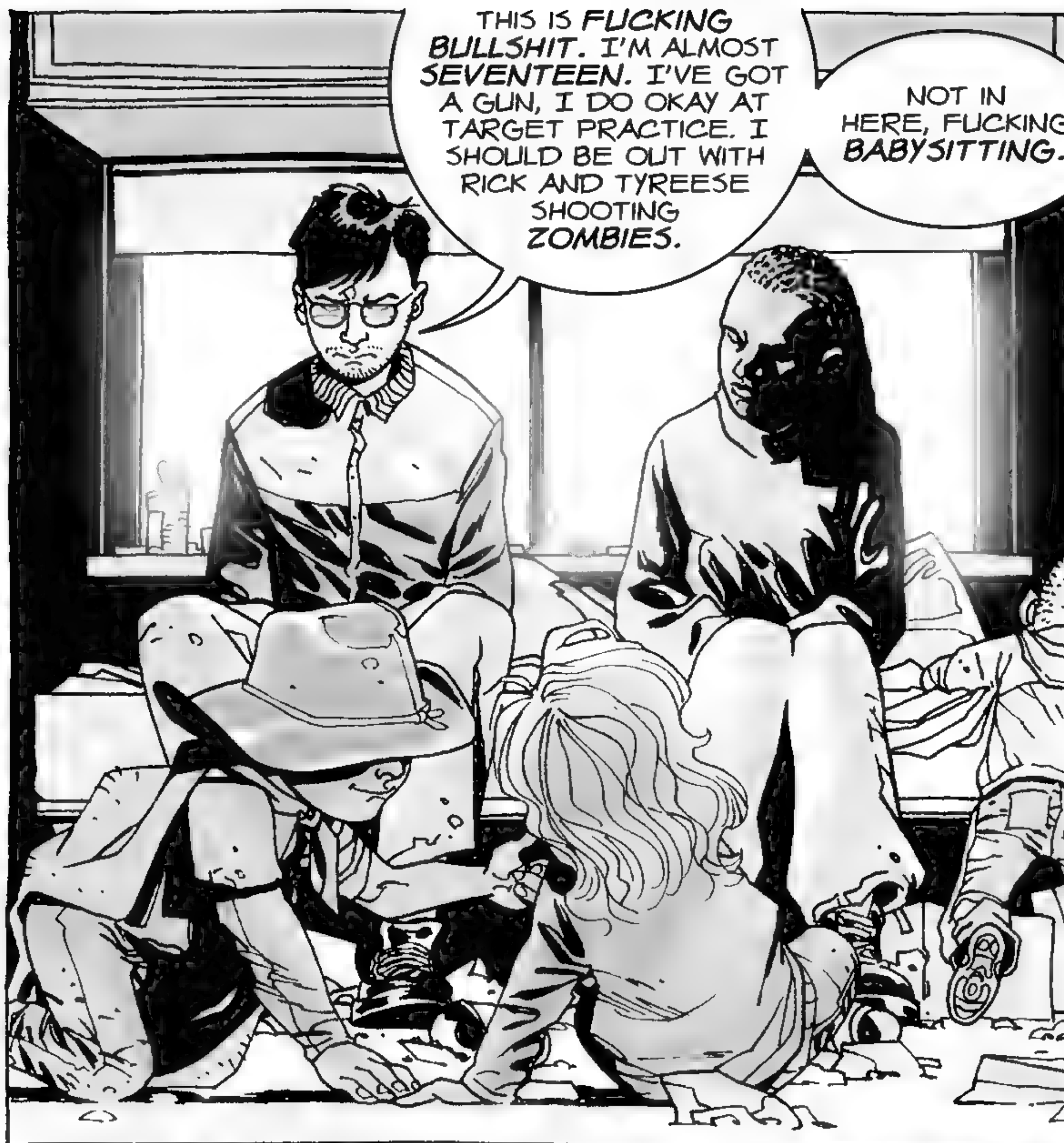


IT AIN'T THAT BAD. WE CAN ALWAYS RUN AWAY. JUST STAY CALM...

...AND PRAY ANDREA COMES BACK WITH MORE BULLETS SOON.

BLAM!





THIS IS **FUCKING BULLSHIT**. I'M ALMOST **SEVENTEEN**. I'VE GOT A GUN, I DO OKAY AT TARGET PRACTICE. I SHOULD BE OUT WITH RICK AND TYREESE SHOOTING **ZOMBIES**.

NOT IN HERE, **FUCKING BABYSITTING**.



YOU SHOULDN'T **CUSS** SO MUCH. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT AN ALL THE WAY **ADULT**. SAYING THOSE SWEARS ISN'T GOING TO **FOOL** ME.

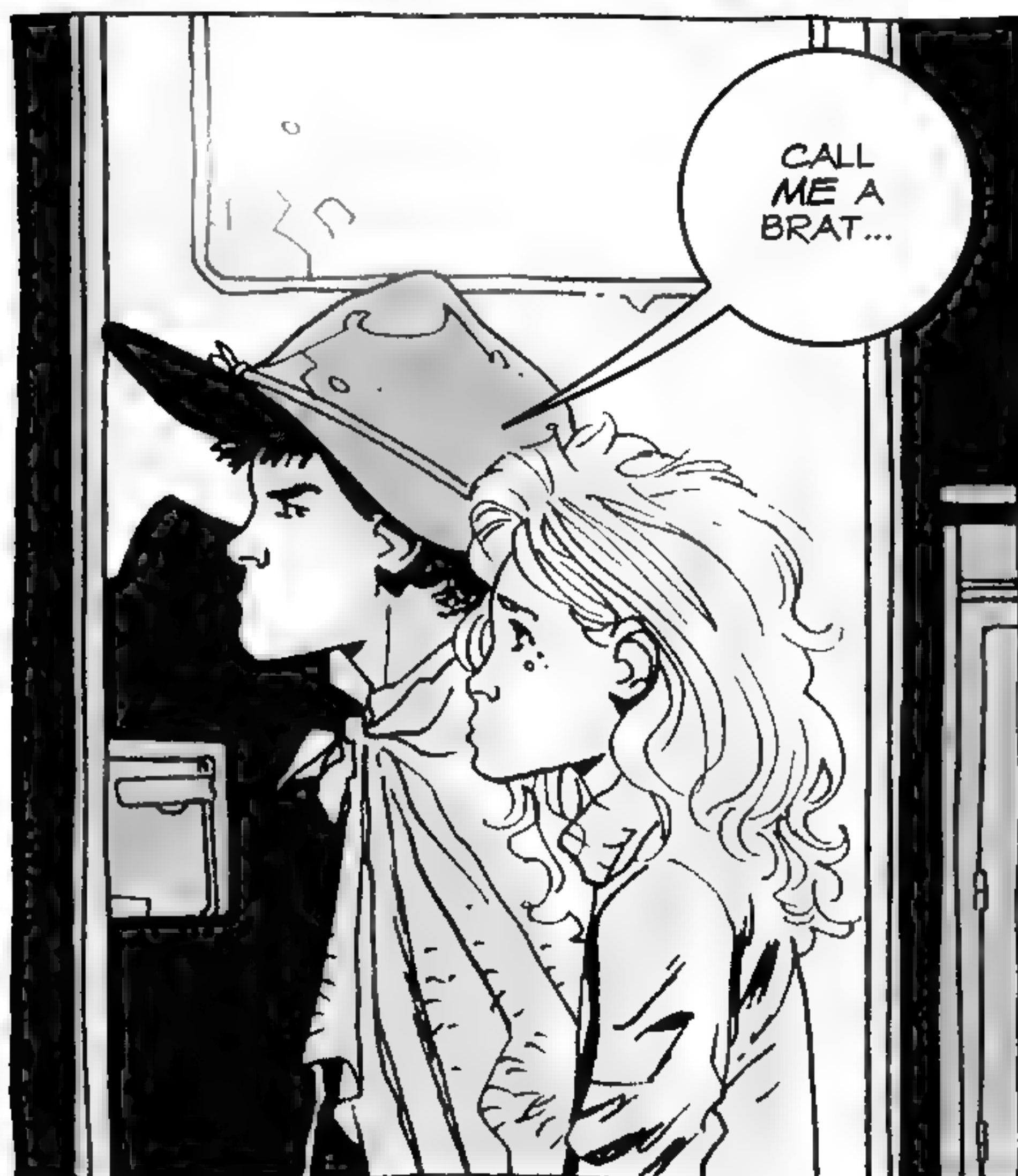


SHUT UP, BRAT!

CHRIS, STOP IT!



C'MON, SOPHIA... LET'S GO UP FRONT AND PLAY GO FISH. I THINK ALLEN LEFT HIS **CARDS** OUT.

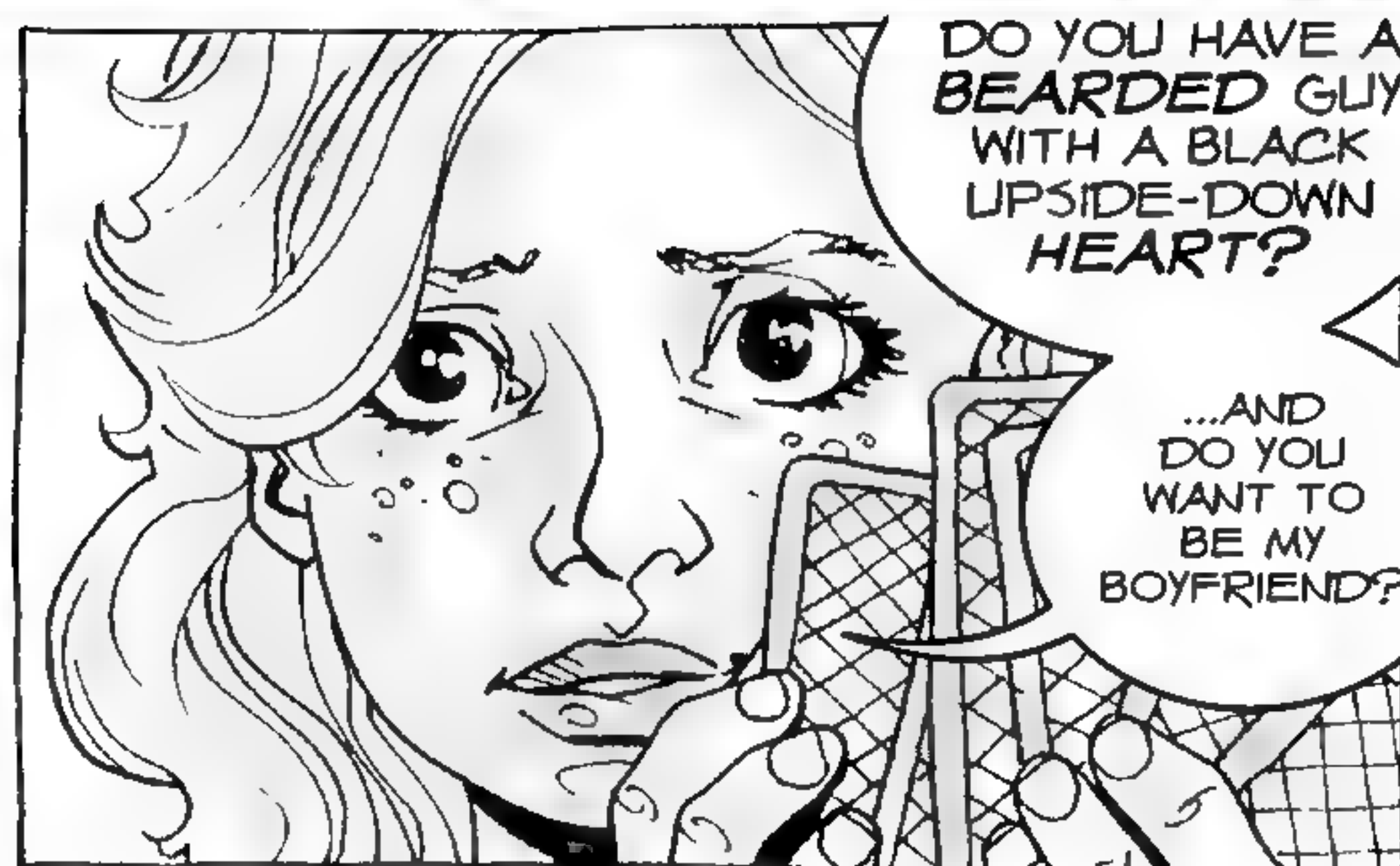


CALL ME A **BRAT**...



HOW MANY DO YOU **NEED**?

AS MUCH AS I CAN **CARRY!**





DON'T WORRY--
THEY'RE FINE.
RICK KNOWS
WHAT HE'S
DOING.

...



I KNOW--IT'S
JUST--EVEN
AFTER ALL THIS
TIME, I'M STILL
NOT *USED* TO
THE SOUND OF
GUNFIRE.

BEFORE--YOU WOULD
ALWAYS HEAR "LIVE LIFE
LIKE EVERY DAY COULD
BE YOUR *LAST*." AS IF
THAT WOULD MAKE YOU
LIVE LIFE TO ITS
FULLEST AND MAKE
YOU A HAPPIER
PERSON.



I'M
LIVING LIFE
LIKE EVERY
DAY COULD BE
MY *LAST*--AND
IT'S HORRIBLE.
I'VE SEEN
TOO MUCH
DEATH.



ANY ONE OF US
COULD *DIE* AT
ANY MINUTE. WE'VE
SEEN IT HAPPEN
TIME AND TIME
AGAIN. WE'RE
JUST NOT
SAFE.

AND
GOD HELP
ME, I'M
BRINGING
ANOTHER
CHILD INTO
THIS
WORLD.

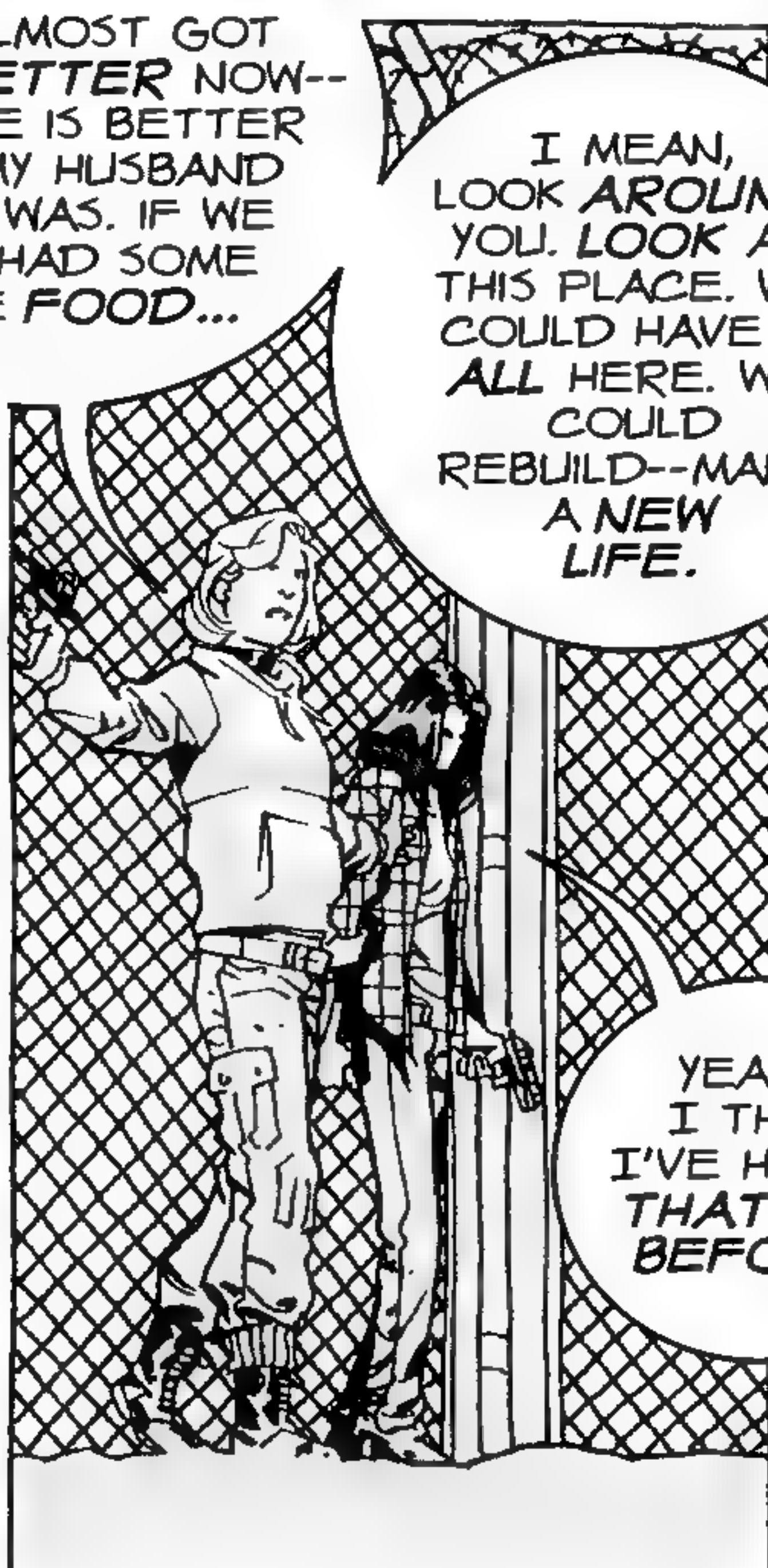
LORI.
PLEASE.

I'M GOING TO
CHALK THIS UP TO
MOOD SWINGS AND
FLUNKY PREGNANT
WOMAN *HORMONES*.
STOP BEING SO
BLEAK.



YOU'RE
DEPRESSING
ME.

I'VE ALMOST GOT
THINGS *BETTER* NOW--
TYREESE IS BETTER
THAN MY HUSBAND
EVER WAS. IF WE
JUST HAD SOME
MORE *FOOD*...

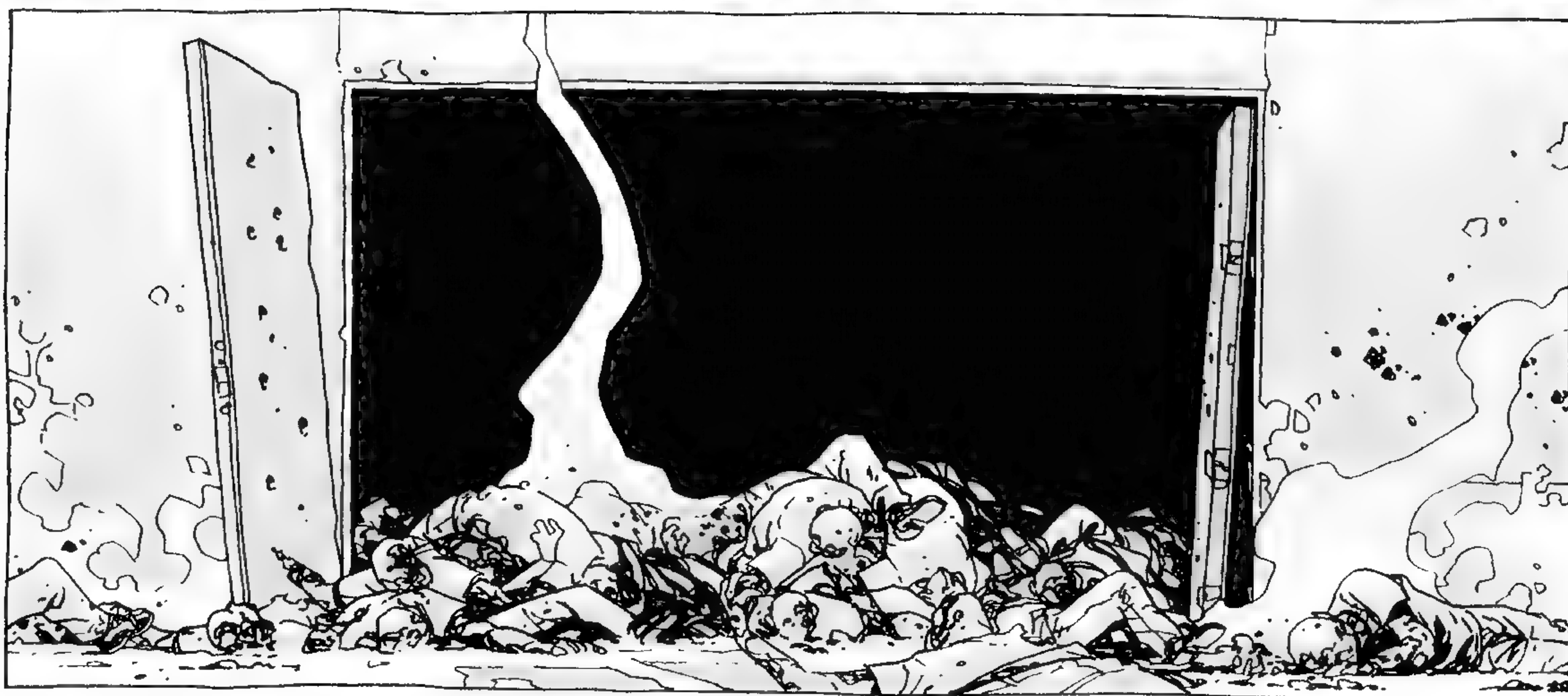
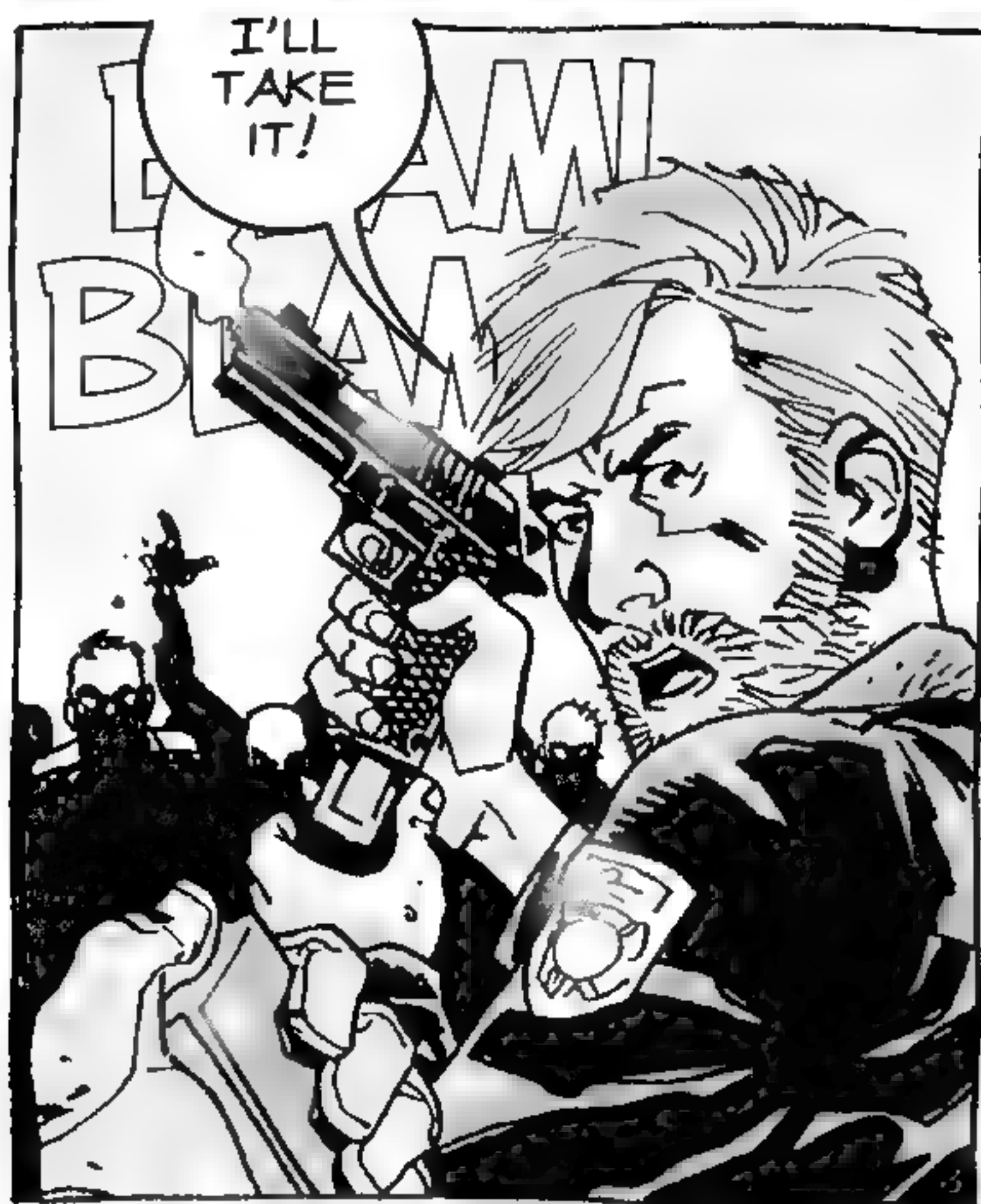


I MEAN,
LOOK *AROUND*
YOU. LOOK AT
THIS PLACE. WE
COULD HAVE IT
ALL HERE. WE
COULD
REBUILD--MAKE
A *NEW*
LIFE.

YEAH--
I THINK
I'VE HEARD
THAT LINE
BEFORE.



LET'S
JUST SAY
I WON'T BE
UNPACKING
ANY TIME
SOON.

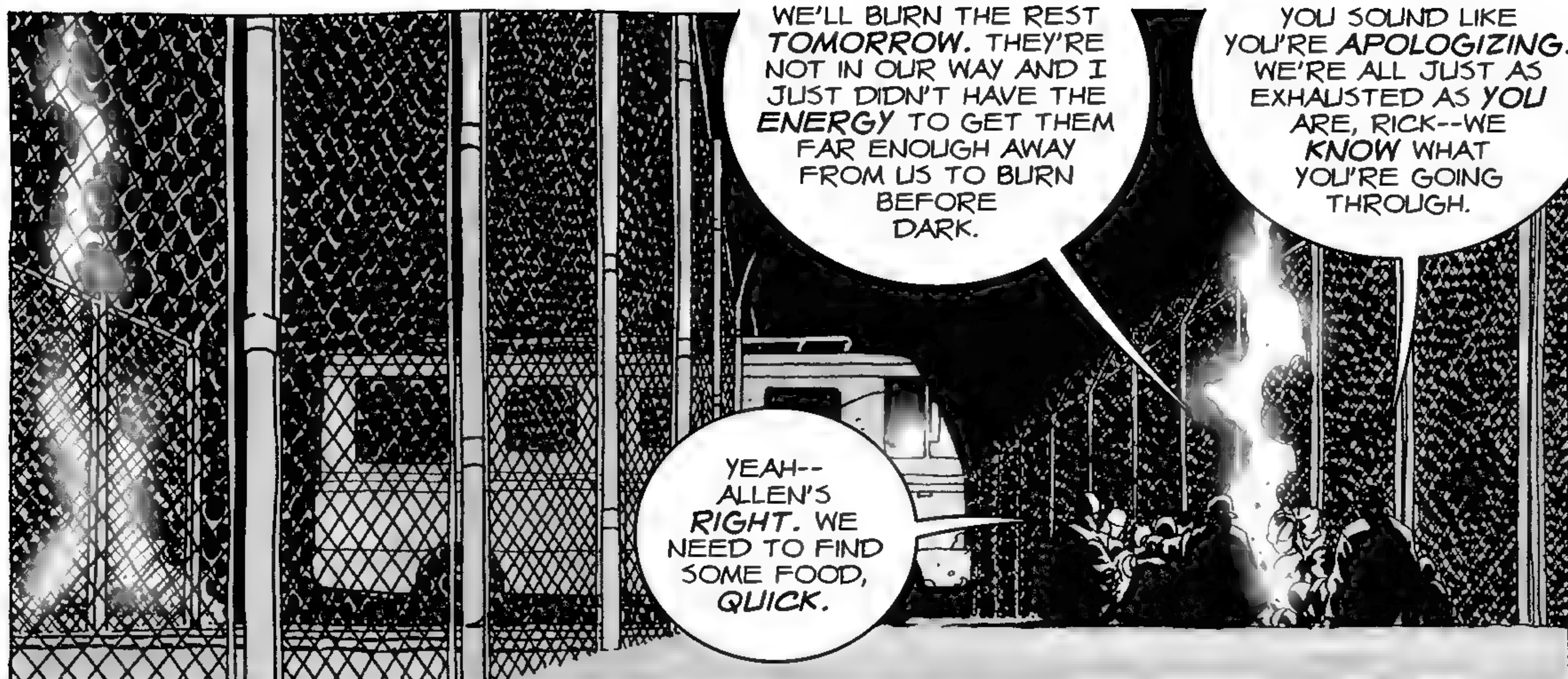




I
THINK
THAT'S IT--AT
LEAST FOR *THIS*
SECTION OF THE
PRISON. I'M SURE
THERE'S A LOT OF
LAZY ONES STILL IN
THERE---BUT
THEY'RE STAYING
IN *THERE*
FOR NOW.



LET'S
GET TO
WORK. WE'VE
GOT A LOT
OF *BURNING*
TO DO.



WE'LL BURN THE REST
TOMORROW. THEY'RE
NOT IN OUR WAY AND I
JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE
ENERGY TO GET THEM
FAR ENOUGH AWAY
FROM US TO BURN
BEFORE
DARK.

YOU SOUND LIKE
YOU'RE APOLOGIZING.
WE'RE ALL JUST AS
EXHAUSTED AS YOU
ARE, RICK--WE
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE GOING
THROUGH.

YEAH--
ALLEN'S
RIGHT. WE
NEED TO FIND
SOME FOOD,
QUICK.



I'M
HUNGRY,
MOMMY. I
WANT SOME
FOOD.

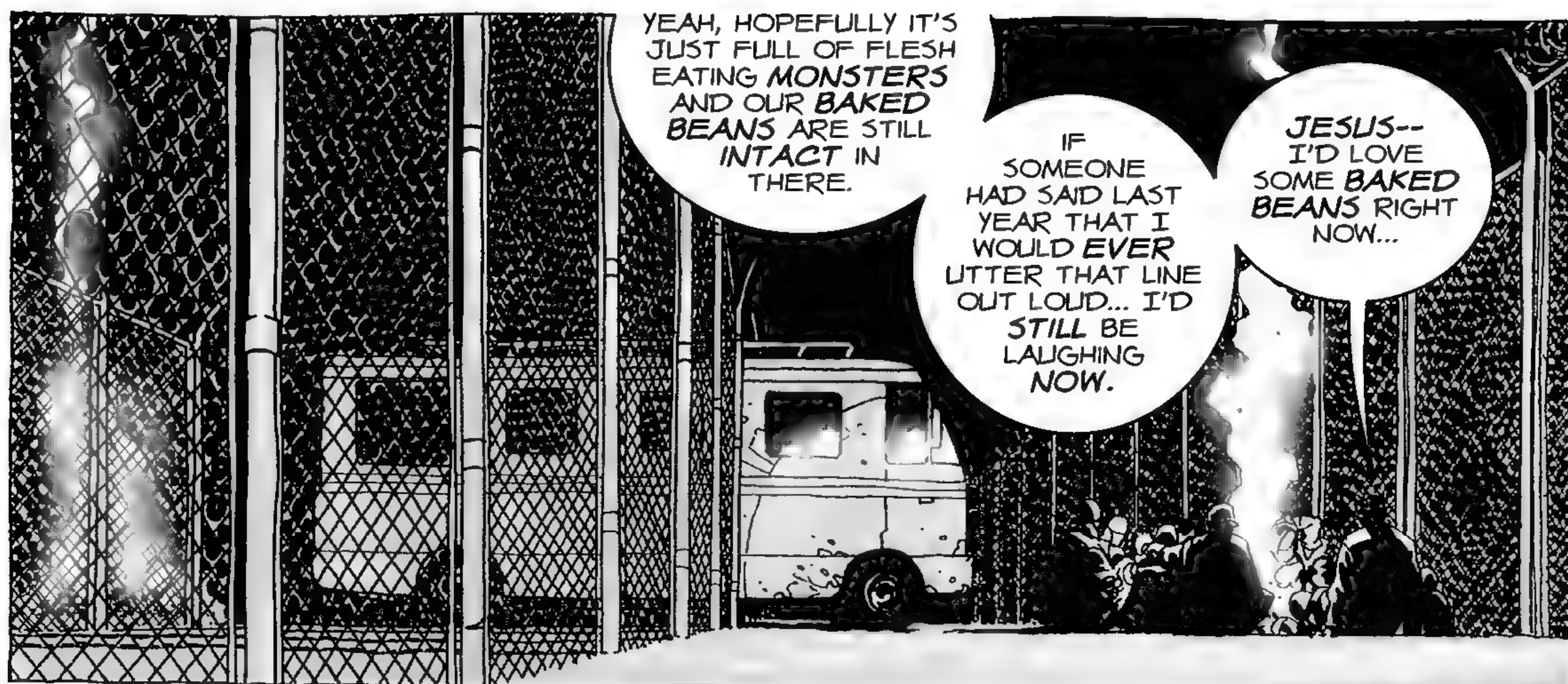
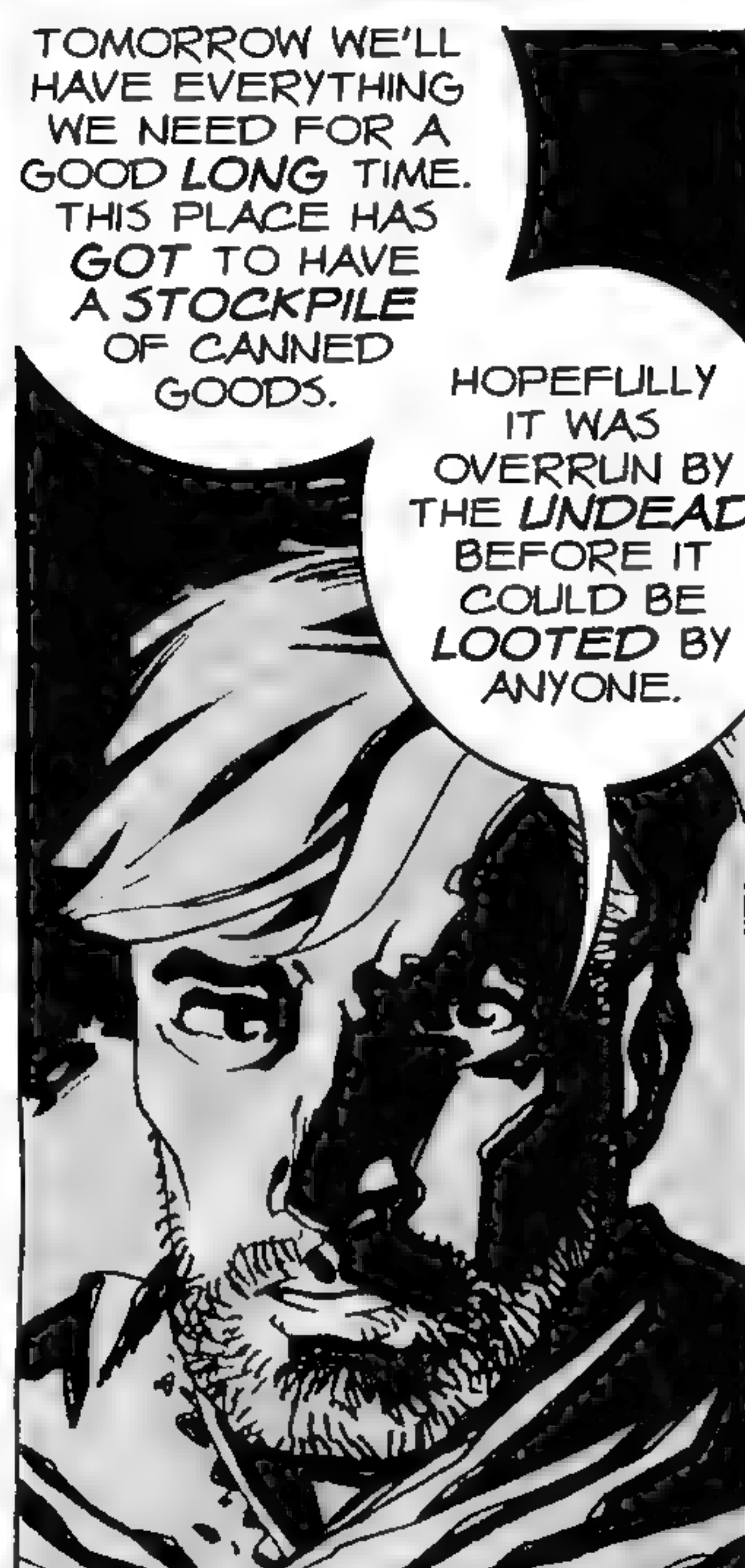
I
KNOW
HONEY--I'M
SORRY. WE
JUST DON'T
HAVE
ANY.



SORRY.
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
BRING IT
UP.

TOMORROW WE'LL
HAVE EVERYTHING
WE NEED FOR A
GOOD LONG TIME.
THIS PLACE HAS
GOT TO HAVE
A STOCKPILE
OF CANNED
GOODS.

HOPEFULLY
IT WAS
OVERRUN BY
THE UNDEAD
BEFORE IT
COULD BE
LOOTED BY
ANYONE.



YEAH, HOPEFULLY IT'S
JUST FULL OF FLESH
EATING MONSTERS
AND OUR BAKED
BEANS ARE STILL
INTACT IN
THERE.

IF
SOMEONE
HAD SAID LAST
YEAR THAT I
WOULD EVER
UTTER THAT LINE
OUT LOUD... I'D
STILL BE
LAUGHING
NOW.

JESUS--
I'D LOVE
SOME BAKED
BEANS RIGHT
NOW...



OH!
THAT TIME
ALREADY?

YEP.
I'M TAKING
OVER FOR YOU.
YOU REGRETTING
SLEEPING ON *THIS*
SIDE OF THE
FENCE JUST
YET?

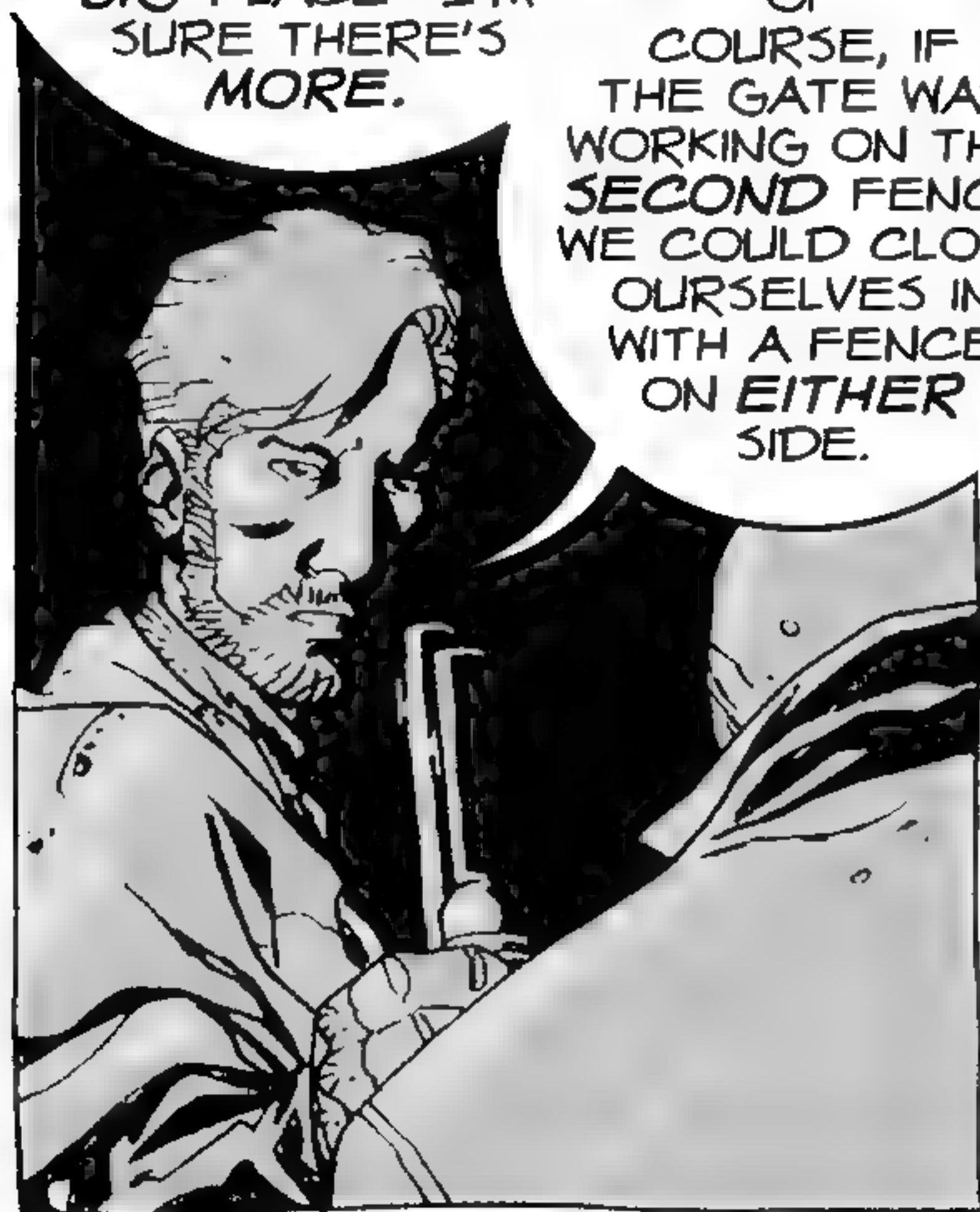
I
KNOW
I WILL IN
ABOUT AN
HOUR.



I'M STILL NOT SURE
IT'S ANY *SAFER* ON
THE *OTHER* SIDE. WE
KILLED A LOT OF
ZOMBIES IN THERE
TODAY BUT THAT'S A
BIG PLACE--I'M
SURE THERE'S
MORE.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED
TO DO IF WE END UP *STAYING*
HERE--FIX THESE GATES. IT'S NO
GOOD TO HAVE *THREE* FENCES
IF ONLY *ONE* OF THEM HAS
A *GATE* WE CAN
CLOSE.

OF
COURSE, IF
THE GATE WAS
WORKING ON THIS
SECOND FENCE
WE COULD CLOSE
OURSELVES IN
WITH A FENCE
ON *EITHER*
SIDE.



RICK,
IF WE DON'T
END UP *STAYING*
HERE, I'M
SHOOTING MYSELF
IN THE *FACE*. I'M
NOT SPENDING
ANOTHER
NIGHT IN
THIS RV.

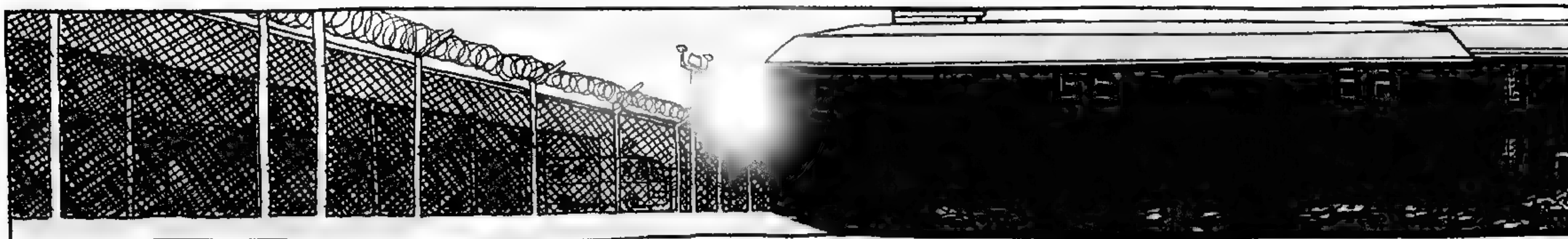


RELAX,
RICK. I WAS
JOKING.

MAN...
YOU KNOW
I DON'T
HAVE ENOUGH
SLEEP FOR
THAT. CUT
ME SOME
SLACK.

I'LL
SEE YOU
IN THE
MORNING.

GOOD-
NIGHT,
RICK.



GETTING
AN EARLY
START,
HON'?

OH, GROSS. DON'T
LOOK AT ME. I
DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE
ELSE WAS
AWAKE.

I'M MORE
HEAVING THAN
ACTUALLY PUKING.
I DON'T REALLY
HAVE ANYTHING
TO THROW
UP.

WE
WEREN'T. YOU
JOGGING THROUGH
THE RV TO COME
OUT HERE AND
VOMIT IS OUR NEW
WAKE-UP CALL.

I KNOW, LORI. IF WE
DON'T FIND FOOD IN
THIS PRISON BY NOON
I'M GOING TO GO OUT
INTO THOSE WOODS
AND HUNT UNTIL I
FIND SOMETHING
OR DIE OF
STARVATION.

DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH WHEN
I'M WIPING
VOMIT OFF
MY MOUTH.

SO I
WOULDN'T BE
OUT THERE
MORE THAN
A COUPLE
HOURS.

YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN MORE
BEAUTIFUL
THAN YOU ARE
RIGHT
NOW.

WHAT'D
I JUST
TELL YOU?

GIVE
US A
KISS!

NO--MY
BREATH!

I'VE
GOTTEN
USED TO YOUR
BREATH--TRUST
ME.

WHOA
YOU TWO!
AREN'T YOU
PREGNANT
ENOUGH?





I'M WAY TOO PREGNANT. TRUST ME.



OH, STOP IT. YOU'RE BARELY EVEN **SHOWING**. SAVE THE **COMPLAINING** FOR WHEN YOU CAN'T STAND UP WITHOUT HELP.



DON'T WORRY, I'LL HAVE **PLENTY** OF **COMPLAINING** LEFT WHEN THE TIME COMES.

OKAY, LISTEN UP, PEOPLE!



I KNOW **EVERYONE** IS **HUNGRY**, AND ANXIOUS TO GET **INSIDE** THIS PLACE AND SEE JUST HOW LIVEABLE IT REALLY IS. I KNOW I AM. TYREESE AND I ARE **GOING IN**. WE'RE GOING TO SWEEP AS **LARGE** AN AREA AS WE CAN AND MAKE SURE IT'S **CLEAR** AND **CLOSED OFF** FROM THE REST OF THE PRISON SO THAT MAYBE... JUST **MAYBE** WE WON'T HAVE TO SLEEP IN THAT **DAMN RV** TONIGHT.



WHILE WE'RE IN THERE, I WANT **LORI, ANDREA, AND ALLEN** ON ZOMBIE BURNING DETAIL. DRAG THOSE CARCASSES OUT TO WHERE WE BURNED THE **OTHERS** LAST NIGHT AND TRY AND CLEAN OUT THE PRISON GROUNDS. IF WE'RE GOING TO **LIVE** HERE... I'D LIKE TO GET **RID** OF ALL THAT STUFF.

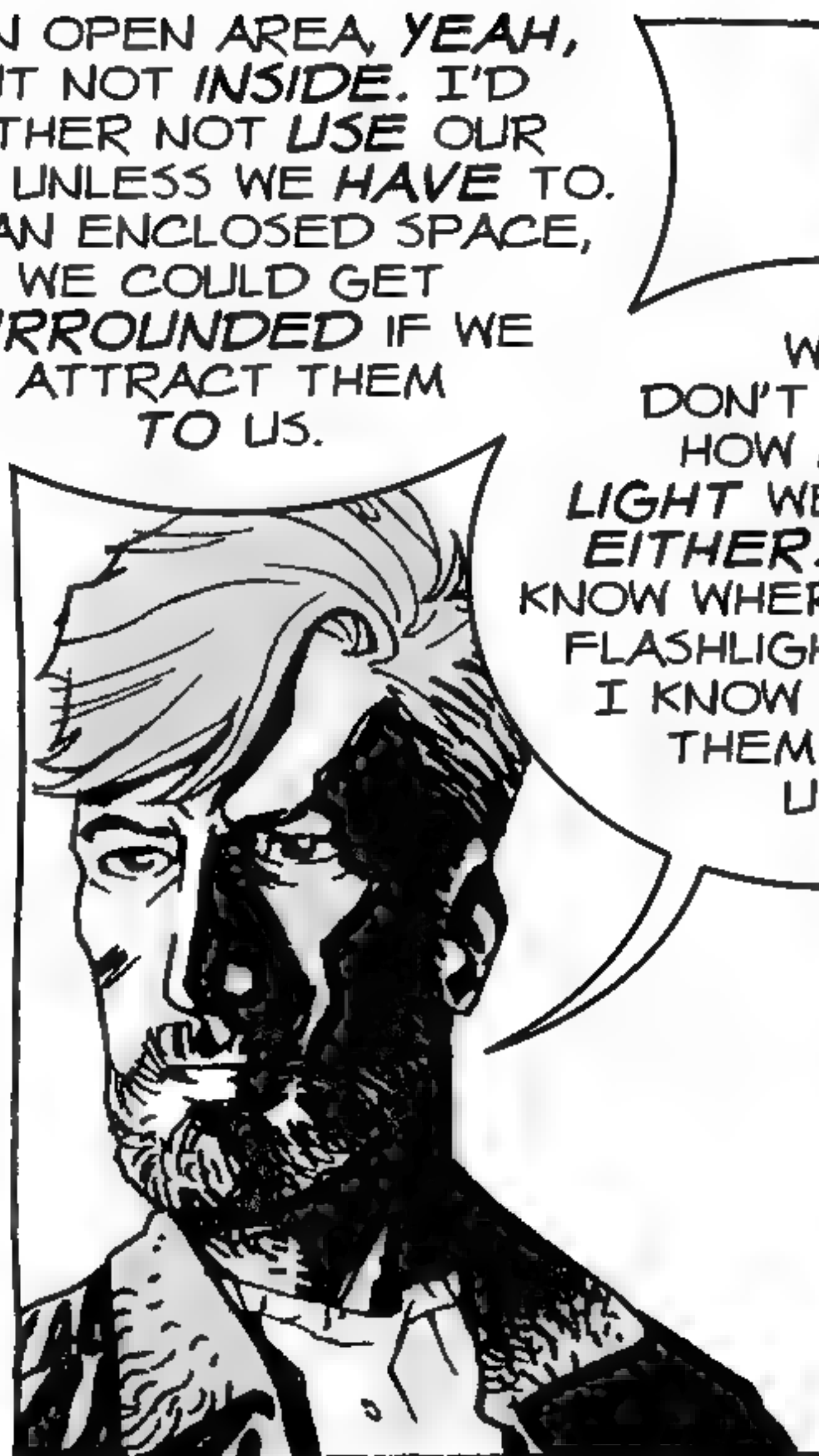
DALE. I WANT YOU TO BE AT THE GATE WITH A SHOTGUN, WATCHING THEM DRAG THE **BODIES** OUT. MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN THE CLEAR AT **ALL** TIMES. WE DON'T HAVE **MANY** SHELLS OR BULLETS **LEFT**--SO USE THEM **SPARINGLY**.

CHRIS AND **JULE**... YOU'RE BABYSITTING IN THE RV AGAIN. I KNOW IT'S NOT VERY **EXCITING** BUT I NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU KIDS ARE SAFE. HOPEFULLY AFTER TODAY YOU WON'T **NEED** TO DO THIS ANY MORE.





I THOUGHT WE COVERED THIS YESTERDAY. I'M THE BEST SHOT HERE. I SHOULD BE INSIDE WITH YOU TWO.



IN AN OPEN AREA, YEAH, BUT NOT INSIDE. I'D RATHER NOT USE OUR GUNS UNLESS WE HAVE TO. IT'S AN ENCLOSED SPACE, WE COULD GET SURROUNDED IF WE ATTRACT THEM TO US.



I THINK I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE AT. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LIGHT WE'LL HAVE EITHER. DO YOU KNOW WHERE GLENN'S FLASHLIGHTS ARE? I KNOW HE LEFT THEM WITH US.



PLEASE BE CAREFUL IN THERE, RICK. I'M GOING TO BE WORRIED SICK OUT HERE.

RELAX, HON'. I'LL HAVE TYREESE TO PROTECT ME.



I GUESS NOW WOULD NOT BE THE BEST TIME TO ADMIT TO YOU THAT I'M AFRAID OF THE DARK.



FOUND THEM!

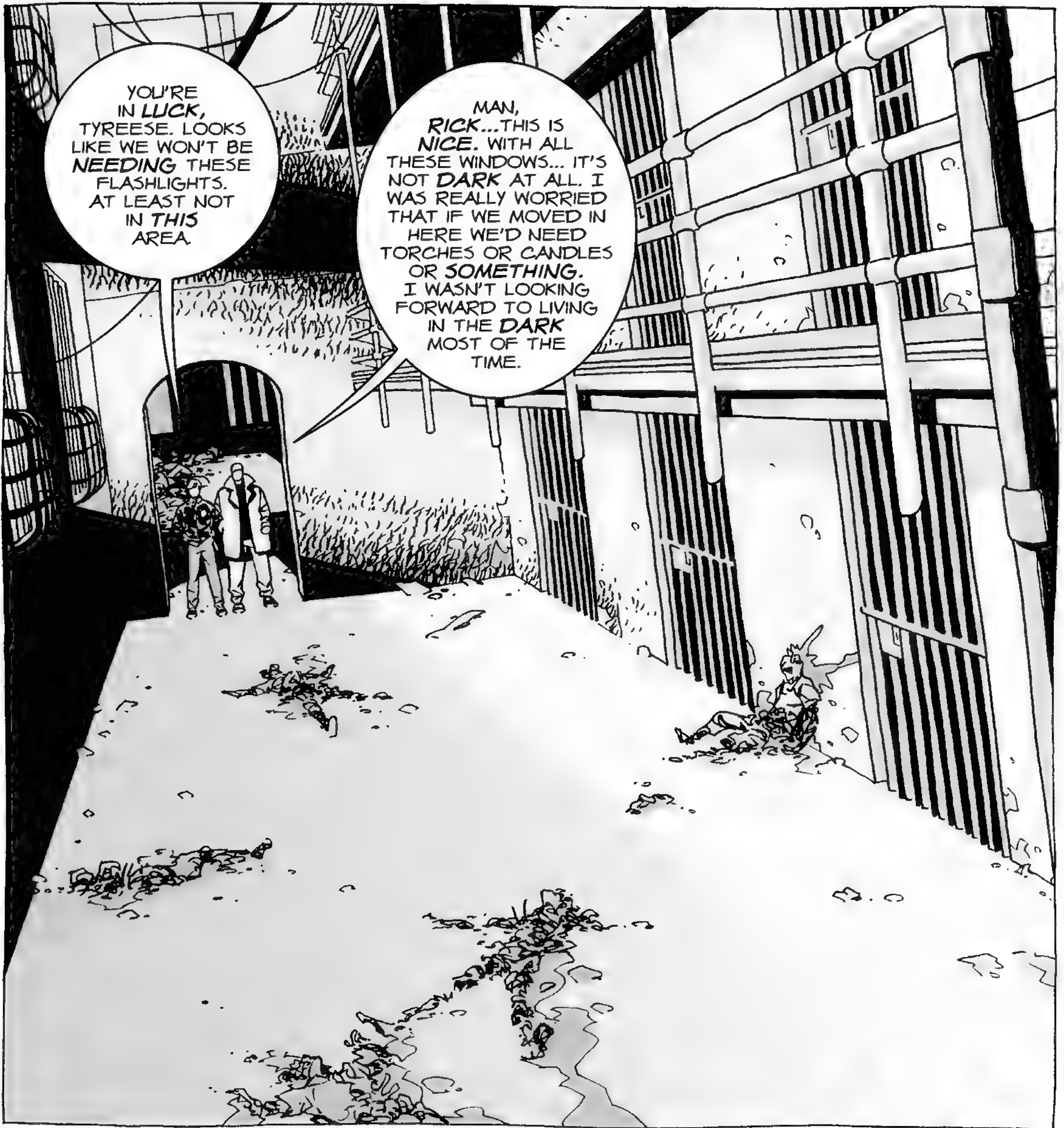
I'LL LET YOU HOLD BOTH FLASHLIGHTS IF YOU WANT.

C'MON. LET'S DO THIS.



WE'LL BE BACK SOON. BE SAFE.

YOU TOO.



YOU'RE
IN **LUCK**,
TYREESE. LOOKS
LIKE WE WON'T BE
NEEDING THESE
FLASHLIGHTS.
AT LEAST NOT
IN **THIS**
AREA.

MAN,
RICK...THIS IS
NICE. WITH ALL
THESE WINDOWS... IT'S
NOT **DARK** AT ALL. I
WAS REALLY WORRIED
THAT IF WE MOVED IN
HERE WE'D NEED
TORCHES OR CANDLES
OR **SOMETHING**.
I WASN'T LOOKING
FORWARD TO LIVING
IN THE **DARK**
MOST OF THE
TIME.



YEAH, THIS PLACE IS
GREAT, BUT DON'T GET
TOO COMFORTABLE. IT'S
MORE THAN LIKELY STILL
GOT A **FEW** OF THE **OLD**
TENANTS LEFT AND JUST
BECAUSE WE'LL BE ABLE
TO **SEE** THEM DOESN'T
MAKE THEM ANY LESS
DANGEROUS.

I
HEAR
YOU.



HUMGH.

GAH!



KINDA JUMPY
THERE, EH? YOU
NOT EXPECTING
TO SEE ANY OF
THESE THINGS
IN HERE?

HEH.

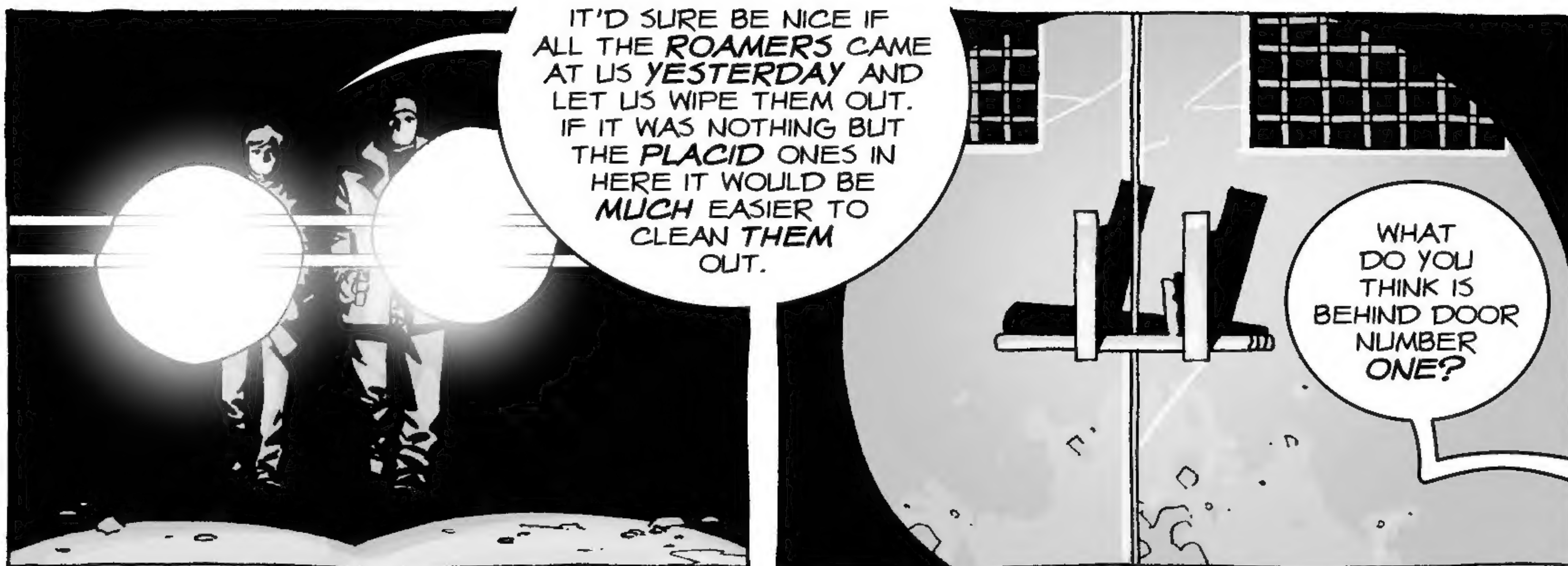


OH EAT ME.
I'LL BE MORE
WORRIED ABOUT
ME WHEN THE
SIGHT OF THOSE
THINGS DOESN'T
STARTLE
ME.



THAT DAY HAS
COME AND
GONE FOR ME
LONG AGO, MY
FRIEND.

LUCKY
YOU. LIGHTS
ON... IT'S
GETTING
PRETTY DARK
BACK HERE.





HEY.

YOU GUYS
WANT SOME
MEATLOAF?



EMPIRE